

## IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday April 14th, 2024

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### IRTS Examination Board Update

The IRTS Examination Board would like to advise that the closing date for the upcoming HAREC exam is April 27th, 2024. At the time of compiling the news, it was reported that there are seven places remaining for the Dublin sitting and three places available for the Kerry sitting. The exam takes place on May 11th, 2024. Registration for both exams begins at 10.30 a.m. and the exam commences at 11 a.m. with a duration of two hours. The location for the Dublin exam centre is the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24, and the Kerry exam centre is The Rose Hotel, Tralee, Co Kerry.

Applicants who wish to sit the next exam but have not yet applied, should download, and complete the exam application form from the downloads section of the IRTS website. Applicants are also advised to consult the “Applying for an Exam” section on the IRTS website for instructions on how to proceed with the application or contact Mick EI6IKB via email at [irts\\_exams /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_exams@irts.ie).

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### IRTS 2m/70cm Counties Contest Update

If you took part in the recent IRTS 2m and 70cm Counties Contest, please note that the deadline to submit your logs is tomorrow, Monday April 15th. You send your logs by email to [contestmanager /at/ irts.ie](mailto:contestmanager@irts.ie).

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### EI0MAR Award Station for International Marconi Day

EI0MAR will be an award station during International Marconi Day, on Saturday the 27th of April from Ye Olde Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio in the Martello tower in Howth. The Martello was used in 1905 by the Marconi Company, as a receiving station while the RMS Monarch transmitted radio telegraphy signals from various locations in the Irish Sea, demonstrating the Marconi system to engineers from the British Post Office. Visitors are very welcome to come along to EI0MAR on the day, and even see a spark transmitter, like the one used on the RMS Monarch, back in 1905.

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### South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC - Special Event Station

EI2WRC will be active with the special event call EI150IMD from Rosslare, Co. Wexford, Ireland on International Marconi Day, April 27th. The EI150IMD special event call is to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Marconi. Marconi established a wireless transmitting station on the site where Marconi House now stands in Rosslare in 1901.

A special QSL card is available for anyone that makes contact with the EI150IMD call.

Special thanks to the Cornish Radio Amateur Club G4CRC and also to the Rosslare Development Association, Wexford Co. Co., Eleanor White, and EI2WRC's own Steve Kelly EI2JLB. For more details about EI150IMD please see [qrz.com](http://qrz.com). For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details, please see [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie)

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### **Spanish Radio Amateur Authorisation for the 8 Meter Band**

The Spanish national ham radio society URE shares good news during the celebration of their 75th anniversary. URE reports that Spanish license holders can now operate on the eight-meter band from fixed stations with a maximum of 25-Watt PEP in the frequency range of 40.650 to 40.750 MHz. For now, the use of the eight-meter band is limited to an eighteen-month period, and operators must notify their provincial telecoms authority about their intention to transmit for the first time.

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### **March Edition of the IARU Monitoring System Region 1 Newsletter**

The March edition of the IARU Monitoring System Region 1 newsletter has been published. Of note this time is a Coastal Ocean Dynamics Applications Radar reportedly interfering with almost all of the twelve-meter band. The IARU Monitoring System Region 1 has started an action about this radar. You can learn more about this in addition to the wide array of strange and unidentified signals impacting our amateur radio bands at [www.iaru-r1.org](http://www.iaru-r1.org)

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### **World Amateur Radio Day**

World Amateur Radio Day will be celebrated next Thursday, Monday April 18th. It is a global event and not a contest covering all the International Amateur Radio Union regions. It spans two days from Thursday, April 18, 2024, 0000 UTC to Friday, April 19, 2024, 0000 UTC. All radio amateurs and clubs are invited to take to the airwaves and to use the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and capabilities to the public.

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### **Trans Equatorial Propagation Observed Between Africa and Europe**

Trans Equatorial Propagation (TEP) between Africa and Europe on 144 MHz band has been observed several times in recent weeks. On March 31st, V51WW in Namibia received SV8PEX from Greece over 6532km away. On April 1st, QSOs between Namibia to Greece, Italy, and Malta were made with SV8PEX, 9H1TA, and 9H1PA. On April 2nd, SSB QSOs were possible.

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### **Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News**

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie) for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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